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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Camie S. Thompson

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Amendment filed January 16, 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 17-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 and 20-31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-19 and 32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed January 16, 2007 are acknowledged.
2. Examiner acknowledges amended claims 1 and 2.
3. The rejection of claims 19 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Steckl et al., U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2002/0125821 is overcome by applicant's amendment.
4. The rejection of claims 6-7 and 17-18 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steckl et al., U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2002/0125821 is overcome by applicant's amendment.
5. The rejection of claims 1-5, 8-13 and 25-31 under 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steckl et al., U.S. Pre Grant Publication 2002/0125821 in view of Valdna et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,254,806 is overcome by applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.
7. Claims 17-19 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 17-19 are rendered indefinite because it is unclear as to what is the activating element. Claims 17-19 and 32 are dependent upon claim 1, which recites A as Mg, Ca, Sr or Ba. It is unclear if the activating element is a rare earth element or Mg, Ca, Sr or Ba.

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8. Claims 1-13 and 20-31 are allowed. The prior art does not provide for the recited improved phosphor for a thick film dielectric electroluminescent display, wherein the phosphor film is selected from the group consisting of

(a) a rare earth activated alkaline earth phosphor having the formula $AB_xC_y:RE$ wherein:

A is selected from one or more of the group consisting of Mg, Ca, Sr, and Ba;

B is selected from one or more of the group consisting of Al, Ga and In;

C is selected from one or more of the group consisting of S and Se; and

RE is a rare earth activator species;

(b) a rare earth or transition metal activated zinc selenide; and

(c) a rare earth or transition metal activated zinc sulfo-selenide,

wherein the phosphor film of (a), (b) and (c) is provided with an aluminum nitride barrier layer on a top and/or bottom side of the phosphor film.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-13 and 17-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Camie S. Thompson whose telephone number is (571) 272-1530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena L Dye, can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the Group is 571-273-8300.

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